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## NORTON SIGHTING

by David Downs

On Friday, December 17, 1976 at 2:45 P.M. James T. sighted and photographed a UFO in Norton, Mass. He called a local radio station and from there the police were notified. Within minutes a second witness called his wife on the C.B. radio in his car to ask her to call the police.

The positive aspects of this case are many. The most important being that two witnesses, who did not know each other, saw an unidentified flying object within three miles of each other. The sightings occurred within minutes of each other in broad daylight. Both sightings happened relatively near powerlines.

Witness one, Jim, took a picture of what appears to be a disc shaped object. Witness two, Dick, claims to have had a close encounter. The UFO flew directly over his car while he experienced radio interference. He heard a humming noise and described the object as having an outer ring which revolved around a stationary center.

The emotional state of both witnesses was not hysterical but was convincing. When I arrived, not more than thirty minutes after the sightings, the witnesses appeared to be excited. Jim's face was reddish. The investigating police officer said that Dick, who had been a part time police officer on the Norton force less than two years earlier, had stuttered as he told about his sighting. Both witnesses appeared to be honest and straight forward.

Because of my early and close involvement with this case it was not long before this appeared to be convincing evidence. I collected this evidence from the two sightings to help support the case. After spending many hours on the investigation, however, information was uncovered which has left me with strong doubts as to the authenticity of the sightings.

From the beginning, Jim has openly let it be known that he did not believe the second witness. It was possible for Dick to have heard the first police call on a police radio or on his C.B. radio in his car. The police dispatcher thinks Dick's wife said something like the following. Dick told me to call you and let you know that he saw the UFO TOO. Minutes later, Dick stopped the police car and denied any knowledge of the first sighting when asked by the officer.

If the dispatcher was not correct and Dick did not know about the first sighting, than it is very odd that he would travel more than two miles southeast of his sighting, which is in the opposite direction from which he saw the UFO disappear, and stop a policeman  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from Jim's home. These are understandable actions only if Dick knew about the first sighting.

Three Norton residents I spoke to claim that Dick has a reputation for trying to get in on the action. All this is very damaging circumstantial evidence. This may leave us with one witness who has a daylight photograph of what appears to be a disc shaped aerial object.

Jim claims to have opened the front door, stepped out and taken the picture. Using his camera, I found it was impossible to duplicate the field of view (scene) which appears in the original UFO photograph without stepping  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft. inside the house and kneeling. Jim and I are about the same height.

Jim has a Polaroid Pronto camera with an automatic exposure system which varies both the lens opening and the shutter speed. This has a slight effect on the focus and field of view depending on the surrounding light conditions. After taking pictures under brighter and darker lighting conditions, I am satisfied that the dis-

crepancy between where Jim said he stood and where I found I had to kneel, was not caused by lighting conditions.

A photographer from the Norton Patriot took pictures in and around Jim's home within an hour of Jim's sighting. These pictures show Christmas decorations in the background. One of Jim's decorations was a pair of Christmas bells that hung six inches on the outside of Jim's front door window. Jim posed for the photographer that afternoon to show where he stood outside his front door as he took the UFO picture. The bells that should have been hanging on the window curiously were absent in this picture.

Added to this is the disturbing fact that the only possible position from which a facsimile of the original UFO photograph can be taken through the front door window is by kneeling 2½ feet from the door. This as I've stated earlier is the only position from which I could duplicate the field of view in the original photo. All this is strong subjective evidence that Jim may have taken a picture through his frontdoor window and somehow faked the UFO.

Jim's camera was a gift which he had had less than a week on the sighting date. The two pictures preceeding the UFO photo are not available. Jim claims that they did not come out properly and were thrown away. The trash was collected around 8 A.M. that day. Often hoaxes occur when the photographer's camera is relatively new. Missing pictures on a roll of film containing a UFO photograph is damaging because it opens the possibility that the photographer practiced before taking the UFO picture in question. Jim had a previous interest in UFOs and claimed to have taken a UFO picture ten years earlier.

As an individual who has faith in the UFO phenomena, I want to believe that the witnesses have been honest with us. I feel it would be unfair for me to brand this case a hoax without hard evidence. As an investigator, who wants to present good reliable evidence for the existence of the UFO phenomena, I strongly feel that there is enough damaging subjective evidence in this case to warrant serious doubts.

## ESSEX SIGHTING

In past issues of our Newsletter, we have made reference to a group of sightings which took place within a 33 minute time span in the Essex/Ipswich areas on April 4th 1976. Raymond Fowler investigated those sightings and submitted his reports to MUFON State Director for Mass., Joe Santangelo, who has allowed us to reproduce them in our Newsletter. The following paragraphs are taken from Raymond Fowler's UFO Report Ma-76-07 which was the most interesting of the six reports he investigated. We omitted last names and addresses.

### "SIGHTING ACCOUNT

Jean (39), Occupation/School-teacher; Patricia (27), Occupation/School teacher; and Donald (14) were returning to Ipswich, Ma., on Route #133, from Essex, Mass. They had just left the parsonage where they had attended a Sunday evening Bible Study about the Holy Spirit. Jean was driving with Patricia beside her in the front seat. Donald was in the back seat. The incident occurred between Choate Street, Essex, Ma., and Northgate Road, Ipswich, Ma., but within the boundary of Essex, Ma., between 9:25 and 9:30 P.M.

Donald called the other's attention to a very bright light, which they dismissed as either a star or lights associated with the USAF Radio Telescope installation at nearby Sagamore Hill, Hamilton, Ma. However, they soon realized that the light was moving directly towards them from the SSW. As it got closer they could see many bright white lights on it. Curious, Jean stopped the car and rolled down the window to get a good look at the oncoming object which was so low that it appeared to be just above the tree-tops. A double row of white lights ( 20-50 lights each ) could be seen as it closed rapidly on the parked car and slowed and then hovered about 300 feet away. The twin rows of lights were tilted to the observers'

left and were so bright that they cast an aura which, at that time, hid the shape of the object. The lights shimmered or pulsated.

Jean rolled down the window to get a better look at the noiseless object. At that point, all the white lights blinked out and three colored lights came on. (Jean remembered blue and green. Patricia and Donald remembered blue, green and red.) Just above the three colored lights a bluish luminous haze shone upward forming a roundish halo above it. The blue light reflected off the silvery surface of the object, which could be seen as saucer-shaped and tilted to their left. The blue light enveloped an upper central "round" section. (A dome?)

Jean became literally spell-bound and just stared out of her left-side window, as if in a daze according to Patricia and Donald. Jean was totally oblivious to their hysteria and cries to drive away from the scene. The look in Jean's eyes (like she was hypnotized) added to Patricia's fright and she began pounding Jean on her shoulder and back to snap her out of it. Jean became aware of pain in her back and suddenly realized that Patricia and Donald were yelling at her to leave. Jean quickly got caught up in the frightening experience and drove away fast. No one looked back to see what happened to the hovering disk-shaped object because of their fear.

There was no electrical interference with the automobile's lights/ignition system. The radio was not on. The object's apparent size was compared to at least 1.5 times that of the full moon. Its real size was compared with a standard-sized house in width at the same distance away, i.e., 300 feet. Its altitude seemed to be just above tree-top level. The white lights appeared to be as bright as automobile headlights at the same distance seen coming head-on. The weather was clear....

#### WITNESS REACTION(pl7)

An interesting facet of this incident pertains to the varied witness reaction. Patricia and Donald's initial curiosity turned to genuine fear and hysteria. The driver, Jean, reacted differently. Patricia told me that Jean's eyes had a funny look as she gazed out the open car window at the hovering object. She said that she looked "hypnotized" and seemed to be unaware of their yelling at her to drive out of the area. Patricia said that this scared her even more and that she began pounding Jean on her back and shoulders.

Jean told me that she was completely enrapt with the appearance of the object and its lights. She said a wonderful feeling of peace and awe flooded through her. She was not aware of the fearful commotion caused by Donald and Patricia until she started to feel a "pain in her back!" It was Patricia's fist pounding her! Then, she got caught up in the group fear of the object and whisked off. She claims that she did not want to leave prior to that.

Could it be that we have another example of apparent mind-control instigated by intelligences within the object? (cf. reports such as the Hill's incident when Barney Hill claimed telepathic contact inducing him to stay put and not run away). Or, is it just a case of a different personality reacting in an independent way, i.e., being "awe-struck" rather than "fear-struck." Repeated questioning has not produced a satisfactory answer. Jean did not report any strange physiological effects or sounds. To her, it was a natural reaction. To the others, it seemed abnormal, as if she had lost contact with reality as she gazed at the object."

Ray's thoroughness is to be admired. He phoned 17 different agencies to find out if they had any helicopters up in the area during the time of the sightings. He made many other phone calls and visits in the course of his investigation. His final reports are 3/4ths of an inch thick!

# WESTBORO SIGHTING

by Joe Nyman

On Saturday morning, February 26, 1977 at 12:40 A.M., 15 year old Steve W. was preparing to retire after coming home late. As usual, he turned on his FM radio and glanced quickly out of his window which allowed him to view in the distance Mt. Wachusett and the lights of Worcester airport and the channel 27 transmitter. As he glanced out of his window he noticed an orange glow which he automatically took to be the moon. He glanced away and then decided to look again, harder this time. To his surprise he saw an orange triangular shaped light about 5 above the horizon. He also noticed static on his FM radio similar to that which would come from an electric appliance running although there was none on in the house. Continuing to stare, he called his parents, still awake and preparing for bed, in the next room. They were able to join him within a few seconds, but by the time they arrived the light had changed shape to an oval and had started to diminish in size. All three continued watching as the light got smaller or rapidly receded in the distance or both. Within 30-40 seconds the light had disappeared leaving a slight afterglow and three puzzled people.

Mr. W. was upset and decided to make some calls the next day to identify what he and his family had seen. All his calls proved fruitless. He tried the A.F. Reserve, the newspapers and finally the Smithsonian where he was given Ray Fowler's name. Eventually his letter to Ray got to me as living closest to the sighting area. After hearing the W's story and checking with the police, Worcester Airport, The Worcester Science Center, and Hanscom Field I noticed that the sighting was almost directly in line with the Canadian missile Test Range at Churchill, Manitoba. I theorized a Sodium flare via rocket as a likely explanation. I was very surprised to receive a negative reply from them as to tests at that time.

Nearly a month later, I heard from Mr. W. again. His son had seen the same phenomenon again on April 25th at about 11:50 P.M., in the presence of a friend. It was in view this time for about 2.5 minutes although the friend saw it only for about thirty seconds. It was not triangular this time. In addition a low flying helicopter had been seen over the neighborhood several times within the previous few days. One resident of the neighborhood had been able to read the word MARINES as it flew over but the Marine Air Reserve at South Weymouth, and the closest other base at Willow Grove, Pa., denied any authorized activity in the area. Were the authorities trying to cover up for an errant pilot who could have lost his wings for such an infraction? We may never know but this investigator must label the sighting as definite unknowns.



Various stages of light in first sighting on February 26, 1977.

# MONSON SIGHTING

by Paul Koslouski

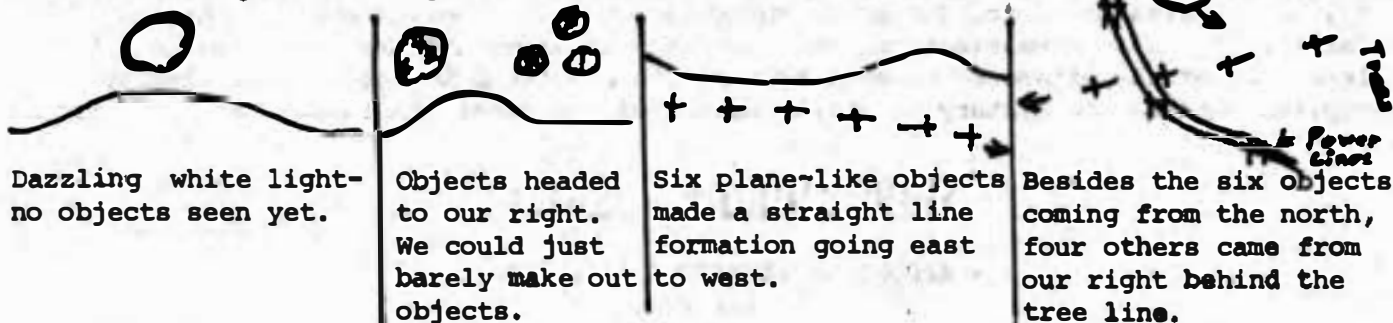
Stella Lansing, Steve Putnam and myself had a sighting of several UFOs at 8:06 P.M. on May 11, 1977. We stopped in Palmer to film the time, temperature, etc. We had our first sighting while going past the Monson State Hospital. Stella stopped the car and we all got out to film. There was a large dazzling, light just above the mountain behind us to the left. The brilliance of the light slowly diminished so that we could see 6 objects looking like planes with wings and red and white lights. Stella saw them with her monocular and Steve with his binoculars. I saw a red pulsating light on top and a white light in the center. The sky was clear and the temperature was 54 degrees.

We then went to Waid Road, near some power lines, and saw an object with 2 red lights in front and white flashing lights on the side with bluish-white intermittent lights in the front.

About five minutes later we again saw the same six objects, that we saw earlier, with their dazzling brilliance. They were coming slowly toward us following the power lines. As we were watching these six objects, four others came from our right going over the



power lines. As the four objects maneuvered off to our right, the other six went off to our right. We all got in the car and chased them. We caught up to them at a farm down the road. They turned to go back toward the power lines that we had just come from. We turned around and went back to film them again. We had other sightings that night, one of which was a bluish-green star-like object headed east. After seeing the four objects again at the power lines, we went back to Stella's.



## CREATURE FEATURE

...ON ORANGE MEN AND DOVER DEMONS...

by Ed Fogg

On the evening of April 21, 1977, at 10:30 P.M., William Bartlett was driving home on Farm St. Dover, Mass., when, in the headlights of his Volkswagon, he saw what appeared to be a dog or cat climbing over a stone wall. As he came closer, he was able to discern fingers and hands as the creature turned towards him, and it seemed to be looking at him as the high beams hit it. It had long arms and legs, with a big head about the same size as the body. Bartlett describes the body color as being about that of the people in the Sunday comics. The eyes were described as a bright orange, similar to that of a glass marble.

Two hours later, on the morning of April 22, at 12:30 A.M., John Baxter was walking home from his girl friend's house on Miller Hill Road, when he had a very strange encounter with the same or similar creature. When he first saw it, he estimates that he was about 50 yards away, and his first thought was that it was a young man who lives in the area and is known to the witness. When their distance closed to about 15 feet, both the witness and the creature, stopped. They both stood there looking at each other, at which time Baxter realized that it was not his friend. As he took another step toward it, the creature ran unbelievably fast, into the woods on Baxter's left. He heard its foot steps in the woods but didn't hear them in water. He did not know until later that there was a stream there. It then continued up to the edge of a field which was about 15-30 feet away. Baxter pursued it down an embankment, to the edge of the brook which put him and the creature at about the same level. It was standing on a rock 2-3 feet from a tree and leaning toward it, with its 'hands' holding onto the tree. The eyes showed up as lighter spots on the head of the creature, which was silhouetted against the sky. Baxter stared at it for a few minutes longer before he became apprehensive about what its intentions might be, at which time he climbed back to the road.

The third sighting took place the night of April 22/23 at 12:00 midnight. Abby Brabham (main witness) and Will Taintor were approaching a bridge on Springdale Ave., driving toward Sherborn, about 40 mph. Abby saw the creature in the headlights of the car and describes it as having "a very big and very weird head". Also, it had bright green eyes "that just glowed as it looked exactly at me". It did not seem to have any hair on it, and seemed to have a tan or beige skin color, "a really weird color".

WHAT WE KNOW (OR DON'T KNOW) AT THIS TIME: Two sightings took place near water, two were on or near stone walls, and in one case both were present. We have ruled out primates as an explanation, for reasons which will be discussed at a later time. Also ruled out is a fox with possibly one of several diseases. Subjective evaluation of all four witnesses' reliability, by Joe Nyman, Loren Coleman (who made the whole investigation possible by putting us in contact with the witnesses), and Walter Webb,

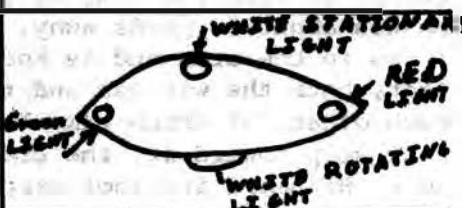

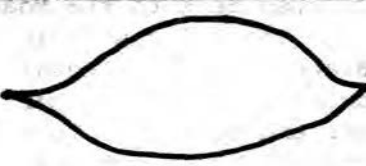


who among other things went to great lengths to obtain the weather data, would seem to indicate that there is no conscious attempt to deceive, nor does there appear to be any significant contradictions in the re-telling of the events. In no case was there any indication of nose, mouth, ears, or caudal appendage. No sound was reported made by the creature, nor was there any odor reported. There were no proven cases of UFO activity in the area prior to, during or subsequent to the reported events. The case(s) is (are) still under investigation, and tentative arrangements are under way to have at least one of the witnesses undergo hypnosis in an attempt to recall more clearly what transpired. And so the mystery is still unresolved. No final conclusion has been reached.

## SIGHTING LOG

### REPORT OF SIGHTINGS RECEIVED

by Joe Nyman

I would like to thank all those who have contributed sightings, whether new or old, to the Study Group sighting file. Since the April 24th meeting we have received a total of 9 reports most of which have been submitted on our new short reporting form. Included was a 1951 sighting by our founder George Fawcett. This and those sightings not previously reported in our Newsletter are recorded below. The file folder is available for members' inspection and use upon demand.

Date	Time	seen from	# of witns.	Maneuvers	Objects (differing scales)
4/13/77	7:10 P.M.	Scituate Lighthouse	1	Moved between 2 stars	pinpoint of light
1/8/77	8:30 P.M.	West Main St. Northboro	1	Moved in a straight line	As large as the evening star
12/19/76	8:30 P.M.	Rte 44 Middleboro	2	2 identical objects hover- ing, moving above and below tree tops	
7/70	7:00 P.M.	Hull	3	Traveling in an arc at great speed northwest over the horizon. Soundless, red and yellow streaks.	
1967	6:00 P.M.	Roslindale	A crowd	Glowing orange and red. Darting all over sky. leaving and returning in view 4-5 hrs.	
2/66	About 7:00 P.M.	Rte. 18 So. Weymouth near Abington line	7	Hovering noiselessly at tree top level	
10/29/65	10:30 P.M.	Over Lowell Stadium	1	Zig-Zag motion	
7/10/51	10:15	Above Lynchburg College (This report will be in our next issue - no room.)			

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## NEXT MEETING

Dear Members and Friends,

The New England UFO Study Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 24, 1977 at The All Souls Universalist Unitarian Church, corner of Elm, Charles and Church Streets in Braintree, Massachusetts. Admission for non-members, 17 years old or older is \$1.00.

Two of our members will speak to us about sightings they have investigated.

Mr. Richard St. Germain, the director of Monitor East which is a UFO group from Providence, R.I., will discuss sightings that his group has investigated during the past 2½ years. Of particular interest will be a sighting which occurred on May 25, 1976 in R.I. Mr. St. Germain will show a UFO photo taken by the witness in that case.

Mr. David R. Downs, president of our group, will give a slide presentation. He will show how he investigated a UFO case that apparently was a hoax and tell the group the effect this experience has had on his investigation procedures.

Cold drink will be served during intermission. We will accept any refreshments members would like to bring.

As always, we will discuss any recent UFO sightings and update or give more details on cases that we weren't able to include in our July Newsletter.

DON'T FORGET THAT DUES ARE DUE BY THIS MEETING. Dues are \$4.00 per person and \$6.00 for husband and wife. If your dues are not paid by our July meeting, we will have to drop you from our mailing list.

We hope to see many of you at the numerous future meetings.

Saucerly yours,

Dave, Andrew, Sylvia, and Ed

## FUTURE MEETINGS

JULY 24, 1977 This is the next regular meeting.

JULY 31, 1977 Stella Lansing has invited our members up to Palmer, Mass. for a picnic to be held on Sunday, July 31, 1977 starting at 1.00 P.M. She lives on Lake Thompson so bring your swim suits and fishing gear. Don't forget to bring your picnic lunches, beverages and lawn chairs.

### DIRECTIONS

West on Mass. Pike, get off at Exit 8 and turn left onto Rte. 32 North (direction towards Ware, Mass.). Go about one mile, around sharp curve which bares to the left and right away take the first St. on the right which is Flynt St. The first left off of Flynt St. is Smith St. Take Smith St. and the 2nd driveway on the right is Stella's. (If you get lost call 283-5394) SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MAP.



WARE, MASS.

3 mail boxes

Smith St.

Lansing's Home

Dirt Road

Flynt St.

Rt 32  
North

## PALMER, MASS

MAP TO JULY PICNIC  
SUNDAY

JULY 31, 1977

Stella Lansing picnic

Phone 283-5394

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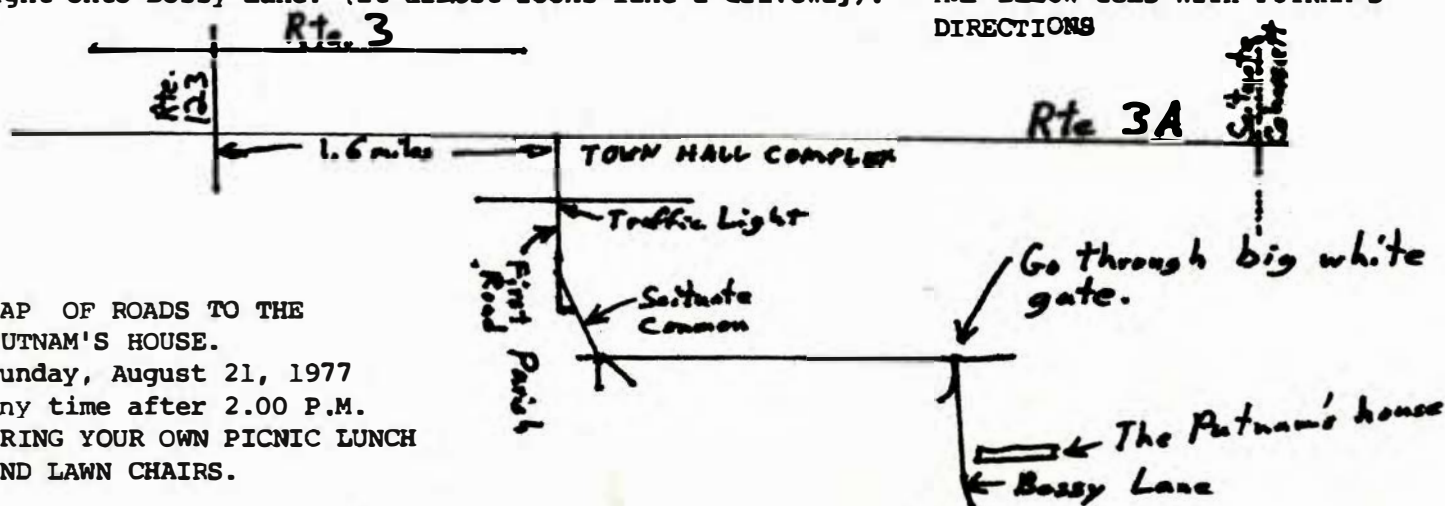
AUGUST 21, 1977 Steve Putnam and his wife Judy have invited us down to their home for a picnic on Sunday, August 21, 1977. They live in Scituate.

### DIRECTIONS

From Rte 3 South, take Rte 123 East to Rte 3A North towards Cohasset.

Go 1.6 miles and take right onto First Parish Road. Go 0.9 miles and bare left at Scituate Common (two cannons). Take left onto Branch St. and go 0.4 miles. Take right onto Bossy Lane. (it almost looks like a driveway).

MAP BELOW GOES WITH PUTNAM'S  
DIRECTIONS



### MAP OF ROADS TO THE PUTNAM'S HOUSE.

Sunday, August 21, 1977

Any time after 2.00 P.M.

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH  
AND LAWN CHAIRS.

OCTOBER 23, 1977 Program to be announced.

JANUARY 1978 Our October 1976 meeting was so successful that we are going to do it again.

If you have anything you would like to present in the form of a display or 10-15 minute talk, let us know between now and January.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Downs

Well, I've done it again. I have a lot to say and very little space to say it in. George Fawcett sent us a letter recently. Since some of you know him personally (He is founder and chief advisor to The New England UFO Study Group), I have included parts of his letter here. "Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate enjoying your meeting notices and Newsletters for The New England UFO Study Group, now 18 years old. We've recently had lots of UFO sightings in North Carolina. I'm still the General Manager of the Maiden, N.C. TIMES weekly newspaper, have recently been remarried on Dec. 22, 1976 and now live at 602 Battleground Road in Linclnton, N.C. 28092. With the 30th Anniversary of UFOs in mordern times coming up on June 24 and with me starting; my 32 year of UFO research and investigations, and UFO symposiums now coming up in many lands, Mexico, Japan, Australia, France, USA, England, etc. and increased sightings, it looks like 1977 will prove to be a very exciting year....P.S. Tell all my friends in NEUFOSG hello for me and give them my new address, just listed." George still has 300 copies of his book Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee which is a highly illustrated 1975 book now in its 2nd printing by Pioneer Printing Co. We have brochures and a sample copy at meetings. For those of you who feel you would like a copy, send \$4.50 plus 80¢ first class mail and/or 20¢ book rate, to Mr. George Fawcett, 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092. I'm sure he'll autograph your copy.